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SUBJECT: ALLEGED TURKISH PLANS TO MOVE TURKISH MAINLANDERS
TO CYPRUS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES,
CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU INFORMED DEPARTMENT JUNE 4
OF "ALARMING REPORTS" OF TURKISH PLANS TO MOVE A LARGE
NUMBER OF TURKISH WORKERS AND FAMILIES INTO CYPRUS AND
TO SETTLE THEM IN VARIOUS PLACES, INCLUDING NEW FAMAGUSTA
AND THE AREA SOUTH OF THE OLD NICOSIA-FAMAGUSTA ROAD.
DIMITRIOU SAID ARRIVAL OF TURKISH FAMILIES HAD ALREADY
BEGUN AND THAT IT WAS A TURKISH MILITARY OPERATION UNDER-
TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING TURKISH OR TURKISH CYPRIOT
CIVILIAN LEADERS.

2. WITHOUT CITING SOURCE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE
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NICOSIA REGARDING POSSIBLE TURKISH PLANS TO SETTLE MAINLAND

FAMILIES IN NEW FAMAGUSTA AND ELSEWHERE AND SHOULD INQUIRE WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS TO THESE REPORTS.

3. WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN SAW TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL JUNE 4 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE MENTIONED REPORTS OF TURKISH SETTLEMENT IN NEW FAMAG USTA AND ASKED WHETHER ESENBEL HAD ANY INFORMATION. ESENBEL REPLIED HE DID NOT KNOW THE NUMBER BUT THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME WORKERS BROUGHT TO CYPRUS UNDER CONTRACT ON REQUEST OF DENKTASH. HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD NOT BE IMMIGRANTS BUT WOULD BE REQUIRED ONLY FOR A LIMITED PERIOD. ESENBEL DID NOT APPEAR TO BE BRIEFED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BASED ON CURRENT GREEK CYPRIOT REPORTS.

4. FYI; FOLLOWING DRAFTING OF ABOVE, WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TWO CABLES FROM HIGH COMMISSION IN CYPRUS REGARDING TURKISH CYPRIOT SETTLEMENT IN FAMAGUSTA. FIRST CABLE RELATES INFORMATION FROM CLERIDES THAT COMMITTEE OF TWO TURKISH CYPRIOT LAWYERS HAS BEEN SET UP IN FAMAGUSTA TO ALLOCATE HOUSING THERE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEES. CABLE ALSO REPORTS THAT UNFICYP NOTICED SEVERAL HUNDRED TURKISH CYPRIOTS MOVING INTO AREA LATE LAST WEEK AND HAS REPORTED THESE DEVELOPMENTS TO SYG IN NEW YORK.

5. SECOND CABLE REPORTS REQUEST BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES THAT BRITISH USE WHATEVER INFLUENCE THEY COULD WITH TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO HALT THESE STEPS TO SETTLE TURKS IN FAMAGUSTA, A MOVE WHICH WILL PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING ANY MEANINGFUL PROGRESS AT VIENNA. CABLE NOTES THAT CHRISTOPHIDES IS MAKING SIMILAR DEMARCHES TO OTHER PERMANENT UNSC MEMBERS AND IS INSTRUCTING CYPRUS UN AMBASSADOR ROSSIDES TO BRING SITUATION TO NOTICE OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ALSO REPORTS THAT SETTLING OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN NEW FAMAGUSTA DOES NOT YET INCLUDE SEAFRONT HOTEL AREA. KISSINGER

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